

TODAY

Isaiah 32:15-18 *Effect of justice will be peace*
1Cor 12:4-11 *One Spirit, different gifts*
Matthew 5:1-12 *Beatitudes*

Psalm Response

The Lord speaks of peace to his people.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
**Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called children of God.**
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Servers

26 Jan Bill Grieves
2 Feb Pat Wicks

Readers

26 Jan 1st Reading Monica Bright
Intercessions Patricia Dee
2nd Reading Brian Bright
2 Feb 1st Reading Ron Davis
Intercessions Michelle Davis
2nd Reading Barbara Grieves

Ministers of the Eucharist

26 Jan Christa and David Buckley
2 Feb Bill Grieves and Margaret Davis

Counters

26 Jan Robyn and Adrian
2 Feb Barbara and Bill

Morning Tea

26 Jan Frances Huckstepp
2 Feb George Commens

Church Care

31 Jan Angie and Michelle Leman
14 Feb Therese Gatt and Margaret Solomons

Australia Day
26th January 2014

**A Prayer
for our Country**



Father, you reached out by the power of the Holy Spirit through Jesus your Son to show your love for all creation. You invite everyone to share in your life made available to us in Jesus. You established the Church to bring your good news to all people. Let your Holy Spirit help us to be the presence of your saving love to all. May that same Spirit help us to proclaim your good news in a way that is meaningful to people and touches their hearts. May we, like Mary, Help of Christians, have the courage of the cross, to fulfill the mission you gave us no matter what the cost. Sharing in his confidence and trust in you, we ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Please remember in your prayers:

**Leslie Dee; Sue Doyle; Neal Evans; Pauline Fallance; James Ford;
Virginia Hayward; Judy Harris; Kenneth Kirkham; Ray Lee; Barry Leeder;
Jenny Mackrell; Lorraine McKelvie and Irene Peacock.**

Feast Days of the Week: Sunday 26th Jan to Saturday 1st Feb

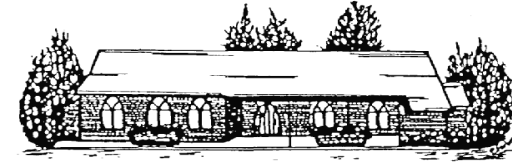
26th Jan St Paula, Patron of Widows, Confidante of St Jerome (347-404)
27th St Angela Merici, Virgin & Founder (1474-1540), optional
28th St Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor (1226-1274), Memorial
29th St Aquilinus - Priest & Martyr (d1015)
30th St Bathildis - Queen & Widow (d680AD)
31st St John Bosco - Priest & Founder (1815-1888), Memorial
1st Feb St Brigid of Ireland - Virgin & Abbess (c451-525), optional



**Next Week
Presentation
of the Lord**

Mal 3:1-4
Ps 23:7-10
Hebrews
2:14-18
Lk 2:22-40

SACRED HEART PARISH



**Sacred Heart Church ~ Blackheath
Saint Paul's Church ~ Mount Victoria
Saint Joseph's Church ~ Megalong Valley**

We respectfully acknowledge the Darug and Gundungurra people, the traditional custodians of the Blue Mountains' land.

Our Mission Statement: As a community bonded together through faith, we are called to share our experience of God with those we meet each day, in particular, those in our local community.

Parish Priest: Father Bob Sheridan **Office hours: Wed:** 1.30pm - 4.30pm
Parish House: 4787 8811 **Thu:** 9.00am - 12.00pm
Parish Mobile: 0428 878810 (Emergency only) **Fri:** 3.00pm - 4.00pm
Parish Office: 4787 8540 **Fax:** 4787 6143 All enquiries regarding Baptisms,
e-mail: shbheath2@bigpond.com Marriages and sick calls - 4787 8811.

Parish Address: 18 Inconstant Street, Blackheath. NSW 2785

Website: <http://www.keepersoftheflame.net/SacredHeartParish/index.html>

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Sacred-Heart-Parish-Blackheath/153850768029631>

Blackheath - Mass	Sunday	9.30am
Evening Mass	Tuesday	6.30pm
Morning Mass	Wednesday, Friday and Saturday	9.00am
	Thursday	8.00am
Benediction	2nd Saturday after 9.00am Mass	
Exposition	All other Saturdays after 9.00am Mass	
Reconciliation	Saturdays	9.30am
Healing Mass	1st Saturday of the month	9.00am
Mount Victoria - Vigil Mass	1st and 3rd Saturdays	6.00pm
Megalong Valley - Vigil Mass	2nd and 4th Saturdays	6.00pm

Parish Pastoral Council meets the 4th Sunday of each month (after 9.30am mass). If you would like an issue discussed, please submit it in writing to Fr Bob or Frances Huckstepp (Chair), Diana Landsberg (Deputy Chair) or Colette Lillis (Secretary).

Sacred Heart Care Group: Carmel Vanny 4787 8706 or Michelle Funnell 4757 2638

❖ **BULLETIN ITEMS:** Please contact the Parish Office on Wednesday or Thursday during office hours on 4787 8540 or email shbheath2@bigpond.com

ANOTHER YEAR IN GOD'S SERVICE: Welcome everyone to this, the first full edition of our Bulletin for 2014. Thanks to our new multi-functional photocopier bought late last year, we are now printing our own Bulletins, including this edition. As ever, this is going to be another year filled with many interesting and challenging activities and events. So, here is a list of some of those activities and dates:

Today is Australia Day (26/1) with its own special Mass. Monday (27/1) (tomorrow) Mass will be celebrated at Blackheath at 9.30am, followed by our annual picnic at Withycombe, Mt Wilson (thanks, once again, to Joe and Diana Landsberg). (See elsewhere in this Bulletin for more details). Other events and dates include - the return of most schools (30/1); the year's first Parish Pastoral Council meeting (2/2, after Mass); DWF Collection (2/2 & 9/2); Parish Garage Sale (8/2 & 9/2); special Vigil Mass, Megalong Valley (22/2); presentation of completed Diocesan Faith in our Future Consultative Action Report (22/2 & 23/2); Ash Wednesday (5/3); Trivia Night (St Patrick's Feast) (15/3); Daylight Saving ends (6/4); Palm Sunday (13/4); Easter Sunday (20/4); ANZAC Day (Friday 25/4); Canonization of Blessed Popes John XXIII and John Paul II (May); Annual Parish Dinner (27/6 date to be confirmed); Diocesan Audit of our Parish (17/9); Sacrament of Confirmation (21/9); Melbourne Cup Fun Day (4/11).

That's all I have available at this time, as accurately as I am able to determine.

SOME ISSUES AND PROJECTS:

- The Royal Commission into Institutional Child Abuse will be with us throughout this year with its obvious deleterious effect on us and our Catholic Church. This disaster affects us as individuals and as a community, so it goes without saying that I will keep you informed on every development in this matter as that occurs.
- At last, on 22nd and 23rd February, Bishop Anthony will present to us for implementation, the Diocesan Faith in our Future Consultative Programme. So, we have only a few weeks to wait before that happens, and we see what changes are in store for all 49 parishes in the Parramatta Diocese, including our own Sacred Heart. Projects already listed for completion this year include production of the elusive household distribution brochure that has been planned for so long; audio-visual equipment installation in the parish hall; and glazing (soundproofing) of the sacristy windows. There are other projects proposed, though these have yet to be considered by the Parish Council.
- The canonization of our two recently deceased popes John XXIII and John Paul II, in May, will undoubtedly be a massive project for the entire Universal Church in which this Parish will be expected to play a leading role in our wider local community.

PARISH FINANCES: While these figures have yet to be ratified by both the Finance Committee and the Parish Council, I can safely say that I am happy with our present position which should be further improved once the Garage Sale is finalized. However, I do draw your attention to the commitment we have to the Parramatta Diocese via the Diocesan Works Fund (DWF) collections, the first instalment of which is due next Sunday, 2nd February. Please give what you can to support those many Diocesan programmes from which we both directly and indirectly benefit.

So there it is, this year previewed for you as best I can! I pray that this will be a great year for each of you, and for our wonderful Sacred Heart Parish.

God Bless! Fr Bob

AUSTRALIA DAY PARISH PICNIC

Thank you to Diana and Joe Landsberg who have once again opened up their property, 'Withycombe' at Mount Wilson for our Australia Day picnic on Monday 27th January, where we can enjoy each other's company and to picnic in this idyllic setting. The address is 'Withycombe', corner of The Avenue and Church Lane. You get there by turning into the Mount Wilson Road and following the white lines for 8km until you see a sign for the picnic at a gate on the left. Turn into the gate for parking. Alternatively, if you need easier access, turn left at the corner and either park in the property (where it is only a few steps to the picnic) or over the road, where it is about 20 metres of flat walking. **Time: any time after 10.30am** to allow for those attending our special Mass at 9.30am. **BYO picnic lunch and drinks. Hot water for tea and instant coffee and mugs will be provided.** There are several picnic tables and chairs so BYO if you wish. If it rains, we can have the picnic on the verandah (and a fire inside if it is cold).

The wilderness will be fertile ... and justice will come to live there.

Isaiah could well have been describing the ideal Australia. This would be a place of wild and breathtaking beauty, fertile and abundant in its fruits; a place where people lived in peace and security. We all have stories and experiences to the contrary, of course, but today is a day to celebrate the positives of living in this land, and especially to celebrate the wondrous diversity of gifts Paul speaks of to the Corinthians. And then, as Paul says, we acknowledge in all of these the ongoing work of the Spirit. While we do that, we do not lose sight of the ideal expressed in the Beatitudes, towards which we continue to strive, whether as individuals or as a nation. 'In this wilderness', we pray with Isaiah, 'may justice come to live.' - Daily Prayer online

Thank you to Christine O'Grady for the lovely basket of champagne and Nutrimetic products, which we will be raffling at our St Patrick's Trivia Night.

- Happy 17th Birthday Connor Lillis ~ 20th January
- Happy Birthday Jenny Inman ~ 22nd January
- Happy Birthday Marjanna Gilchrist ~ 23rd January
- Happy 83rd Birthday Patricia Frazer ~ 25th January
- Happy 8th Birthday Jeremy Lillis ~ 30th January

- Happy Anniversary Louise & Laurie Noyes
~ 23rd January ~
- Happy 33rd Anniversary Marjanna & Anthony Gilchrist
~ 24th January ~

Please remember in your prayers those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
**Brian Birrell; Peter Forster; Basil Van Horen; Henry Columbine;
Genevieve LeGras; Stephanie Cooper; Bridget Chan and Rene Zielinski.**

Mark your calendar for our **Trivia Night** to be held in the Parish Hall on Saturday, **15th March.** Cost \$5 pp or \$10 per family. BYO nibbles. Cake/Coffee will be provided. It's sure to be a great night.